SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 638

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Josh Jarnigan upon his receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.17 million Tennessee volunteers give over 143.9 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.5 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by giving their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, these individuals should be recognized, not only to appreciate their efforts, but also in the hope that such recognition will encourage others to step up and make a difference; and

WHEREAS, Josh Jarnigan of Cocke County is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of his laudable commitment to his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jarnigan's desire to help others began in elementary school as a member of the Junior Beta Club at Cosby Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, now a student at Cosby High School's Cosby Academy, Josh Jarnigan continues to demonstrate the volunteer spirit by mentoring elementary school students through the Academy's "Elementor" program. After school, he meets with a selected elementary school student and helps the student study math, science, and language arts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jarnigan is a model citizen, and his commitment to helping others through volunteerism is representative of the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Josh Jarnigan upon his receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, applaud his outstanding community leadership, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.